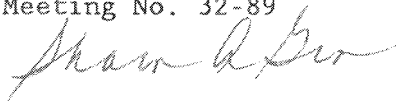


APPROVED: Meeting No. 32-89

ATTEST:



MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND  
Meeting No. 28-89

June 5, 1989

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Worksession in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on June 5, 1989, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilmember Steve Abrams

Councilmember James Coyle

Councilmember Viola Hovsepian

ABSENT

Councilmember David Robbins (Travel Leave)

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, Assistant City Manager Rick Kuckkahn and City Clerk Sharon Gran.

Re: Department of Community  
Services

Don Vandrey gave an overview of the FY1990 operating budget for the Department of Community Services, noting that it is primarily a maintenance budget with the addition of the reinstitution of the Department Director and the continuation of a temporary Human Rights Intake Worker into FY1990.

Other issues discussed were:

1. Counseling for parents of teens involved in drug and alcohol abuse.
2. Continuation of Community Action Team efforts with possible extension into other areas of city.

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3. Peer-oriented SHOP program.
4. Human Rights resources to focus on outreach to business community including awareness training.
5. Staff effort for census outreach and close coordination with the County's Minority and Multicultural Affairs Office.
6. Relocation of Youth Services to Bouic House.
7. Human Rights Commission budget included in Community Services for Martin Luther King Day celebration.

Re: Discussion of Admissions and  
Amusement Tax

Mr. Romer noted that the issue of amusement tax had been raised by Alan Fluke, owner of Putt-Putt Golf Course, and at the Small Business Roundtable. He stated that approximately \$600,000 in revenue was generated annually through the levy of the admissions and amusement tax. Councilmember Abrams asked that a decision on this tax be postponed until June 7, when the Director of Finance would be available to respond to questions involving the impact of a change in the tax structure, the authority of the City to modify the current tax and the revenue implications. Additionally, Mayor Duncan requested an estimate of how much tax revenue was anticipated from the ten movie theatres opening up in Rockville.

Re: Discussion of FY1990 Operating  
Budget - Outside Agency and  
Other Requests

1. Accreditation of the City Police Department. It was clarified that substantially more than the Police Department response to the PERF report was required. Funds for accreditation would be deferred until FY1991 so that the Police Department could reach full staffing before pursuing the requirements for accreditation.

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2. Funding of \$30,000 for an overhire in the Police Department was discussed, and it was agreed that such funding would be deleted from the FY1990 budget but that funds of \$14,084 would be included to reinstitute the Police Explorer program.

3. The Farmers Market would be funded for Summer, 1989 only.

4. Funds for Year II of the Right-of-Way Beautification Program were approved.

5. Funding was approved for the FY1990 Hometown Holidays Celebration, recognizing that sponsor contributions would yield revenues of approximately \$50,000-\$75,000.

6. Regarding Sweet Adelines, Councilmember Abrams noted that the current support they are receiving should be identified.

7. With respect to Community Ministries' request of \$50,000 as a loan for a single room occupancy transitional house, the Mayor and Council noted that there are serious zoning concerns and that a new SRO Zone would be required to accommodate such a use. Funding, therefore, was not approved for FY1990.

8. Suburban Maryland Fair Housing was awarded up to \$3,000 to continue conducting tests and advising on current housing issues provided that they are able to raise a like amount from other sources.

9. \$20,000 was awarded to the National Chamber Orchestra with the understanding that two concerts will be provided to the City, free of charge, one of which will be performed during Hometown Holidays 1990.

10. With respect to Science Day, 1990, it was agreed that up to \$3,000 would be funded.

11. Regarding planning for the F. Scott Fitzgerald Conference, the Mayor and Council requested that staff provide a report indicating the options available for planning such an activity and the amount of staff time required to coordinate such an effort.

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12. A \$3,000 reappropriation was approved for Rockville: Identity in Change.

13. Regarding recommendations for the Rockville Housing Authority, the following operating requests were approved: \$4,600 for scatter site housing refuse costs; \$19,000 for dryers for David Scull courts; \$5,000 for training assistance for employees; \$2,500 for a Spanish consultant; and \$300 for film and lamination equipment for photo identifications.

Capital Improvements Projects

1. The Twinbrook Park landscaping project was approved for funding in FY1990 rather than FY1991.

2. Funding for the West Ritchie Parkway traffic signals was moved up from FY1991-92 to FY1990.

3. The Lincoln Park storm drainage project was moved up from FY1993 to FY1990.

4. The Grounds Beautification Project will be spread out over five years.

5. Regarding the addition of a parking surface to Monument Park, the City Manager was requested to report back to the Mayor and Council with a recommendation which does not include the addition of parking spaces.

6. Regarding the old Post Office on North Washington Street, staff was requested to contact GSA and determine their future plans for the building.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in Worksession, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m., to convene again in Public Forum at 7:30 p.m. on June 6, 1989, or at the call of the Mayor.